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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE SHAKING TIME NEAR

Sandy Foundations Will Give Down and the Wild Plants Will be Rooted up.

False Teachings Will not Then Remain Among God's Children.

HOLD TO THE GENUINE IS OUR MOTTO

No matter how men may criticize us for the manner in which we attack sin and deception, nor how much they may declare we are unfair in our teachings; as long as we can have God's approval, and the approval of our good brothers and sisters whom we know to be capable men and women, we feel we are on safe footing, and have no fears of defeat.

God has given us a degree of boldness that we naturally do not have, and we earnestly crave the very experience for which the apostles and others prayed when they said, "Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." It is our desire to be so thoroughly possessed by the blessed Spirit of God that He may have an instrument for His use that will hold no faculties of the being from Him.

When David's wife remonstrated with him for dancing before the Lord, when he brought the "ark of the Lord" up to its place in Jerusalem, among other things she pointed out to him how he had behaved himself so unbecomingly, and had "uncovered himself . . . in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncoverth himself." In his reply David pointed out to her how the Lord had blessed him so wonderfully that he felt like he ought to play before the Lord, and as it seemed to enlarge in his mind he declared that he would "yet be more vile than ever, (as she expressed it) and will be base in mine own sight."

It is a source of great joy to us to know that the truth is at last being uncovered, and our very soul is aglow with the love of God as we find ourselves buoyed up by the mighty Holy Ghost when we stand so firmly for the great Church of God and her glorious teachings which were given her by her mighty Founder, Jesus Christ the Lord of All.

God is so wonderfully honoring His people who are so zealous for Him and His great Church that people are becoming envious, and therefore raise some criticism because we emphasize the Church so much, but the criticisms are only a means to inspire us to more diligence in His service. As David said to Michal, his wife, we will do it more than ever.

Truly the shaking time is near, when every foundation will be tried to the very extreme limit, and what if it is right here and working now. Because of the stand Michal took against David for dancing with all his might be-

fore the Lord, the record shows that she died childless, which was considered an awful reproach on a woman in those days. This may be left on record as a lesson or warning to those who are about to declare war on the beautiful Church of God and those who are standing so zealously for her as her representatives.

While we go on, and God gives us fruitage as salvation rolls in hamlet and city, they will soon dwindle and waste away so that it will soon be seen that the truth of what Jesus said is verified, "And whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have." (Luke 8:18.) And the same thing is shown where Jesus commands by the parable of the pounds, "For I say unto you, That every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him." (Luke 19:26.)

The shaking time is indeed near when the sandy foundations will give down. From the Epistle to the Hebrews we glean information that shows that the great and all powerful voice of God will shake the earth again, and not only will the earth be shaken until it will "reel to and fro like a drunkard" (Isa. 24: 0.), but this time He will shake heaven also. (Heb. 12:26.) Then when this time comes, and the violent shaking transpires, every thing that can be shaken will be moved out of the way and only that which cannot be shaken will remain.

Under this teaching we conclude the time is near when false teaching will not then remain among God's children. Everything that does not have for its foundation the solid rock of truth will give down and fall beneath the waves. This truth is explained by Jesus where He says "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell." (Math. 7:26, 27.)

This tremendous shaking that is so near at hand will come with such terrific force, until, not only the false theories and damnable doctrines that are flooding this world will be exploded and driven from our doors, but all who hold to them will have a narrow escape if they escape at all. This is proven by the teaching of Paul where he says, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all

ungodliness (violation of God's commands.) and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." (Rom. 1:18.)

There is another proof of this same analogy, and we have no room to dispute that it will be a result of the same shaking, or the same thing expressed in different words, or by a different illustration. Jesus says, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." (Math. 15:13.) At this time of terrible shaking every false way will be exposed and the wild plants will be rooted up.

I see no safe place except on the solid rock. A theory will not do to put our trust in then. It will take a fact to stand that terrible voice as it roars out with such tremendous force and violence that the earth and heaven, will shake. "And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." (Heb. 12:2.)

Following the parable Jesus gave of the wicked husbandmen who beat one, killed another, stoned another when they were sent to collect rents for their master, and after He showed that they finally killed the house holder's son whom he sent, and later the wicked husbandmen were destroyed, He explains in the following forcible language, "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (Math. 21:43.) While this application was made specially to the chief priests and Pharisees, yet the principle of it remains ever the same, and has its fulfillment in individual cases no doubt in thousands of instances. This same truth is hinted at, if nothing more at Rev. 3:11, where it reads, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." This would signify that it is possible for one to lose and another to get what is lost.

But then might arise the question as to what we should hold fast. Then it is evident that the pastor of the Church at "Philadelphia" had the right thing. It is also apparent that he was doing just what the multitude did just following the day of Pentecost. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship." (Acts 2:42.)

Now, as God is determined to have a people that will bring forth the proper fruits, and at the time of this terrible shaking everything that will not stand the judgement will be shaken and removed, and the unmovable will remain, it certainly stands us in hand to be established on a solid foundation. And upon this kind of a foundation stands the beautiful and glorious Church of God of which we are members. AND HOLD TO THE GENUINE IS OUR MOTTO.

And this is the very thing that gives us confidence and boldness. The plain simple doctrine of Jesus cannot be shaken—it cannot be removed. There-

fore, as we hold to it and possess the experience so we will not hold to the truth in unrighteousness, or hold to the doctrine without the experience, we are certainly on the solid foundation. But it is unsafe and even dangerous to hold some unsound and flimsy doctrine intermingled with that which is sound.

A man may have a good experience, and know nothing but the simple genuine doctrine of Jesus at the start, and then take up some false theory and mix it with what he has, and it will soon tell on him. This is the very reason why we feel it so important to hold closely to the simple teaching outlined by the Assembly.

Every once in a while I hear of some of our people getting up some idea that does not correspond with the apostles' doctrine, nor has it been accepted by the Assembly, and it is not worth anything to assist in the salvation of souls. I wonder sometimes if such people have really been planted by our Heavenly Father. If they have not, then they will be rooted up. And if their theories are only built on a sandy foundation they will fall; and ten chances to one, when their theory goes down they will go down with it and great will be the fall.

I can point out a number of men who were once shining lights in the Church of God, and the prospects were bright for them to make something of themselves and be a blessing to the world, but they have now fallen beneath the rubbish and never heard of any more as advocates of the Christian religion. Their downfall had its origin in some theory that conflicted with the teaching of the Church, and they pointed their bayonets at the General Overseer and editor of the Church of God Evangel because he was in a position to be aimed at, and in every instance where they have refused to submit to the Assembly they have gone down, or are on their way down. And when this shaking time comes, everything will tumble that is not steadfastly anchored to the Rock.

I think it was eight years ago that certain men applied for membership in the Church, and because they would not submit wholly to the teaching and advice of the brethren, they were held off at the time, but soon they made an attack on us and began to prophesy our downfall, and some went so far as to declare that God had revealed to them a state of confusion into which we would soon fall and the whole thing would be blown to atoms. But their prophecies have proven to be false, and instead of us falling into confusion and blowing away, we are to-day enjoying a closer fellowship than ever before and the bands of unity and communion are growing stronger while they have entirely disappeared. Knowing what I do I would be afraid to take a stand against this that God has evidently raised up in these days to propagate His truth and finish up the work that the apostles were instruments in starting, and gave their lives to maintain.

Some of us may have to give

our lives, but we will do it rather than compromise or surrender the principles for which we stand so unflinchingly and fearlessly. The original doctrine of Jesus must be heralded far and wide, and others have failed to do it in its fullness and God has raised us up for that purpose and it is our purpose to stick to our job till it is accomplished. And before this mighty tread of the glorious gospel, the sandy foundations will give down and the wild plants will be rooted up. The shaking time is near and false teaching will not then remain among God's children.

The writer of Hebrews goes a step further and explains that we who are perfectly true to Him, and serve Him with reverence and godly fear, will receive a kingdom that cannot be moved. (Heb. 12: 28.) This must be the one referred to by Daniel where he says, "But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever." (Dan. 7: 18.)

We repeat with a degree of fervency, Hold to the genuine is our motto, and we do not expect to give it up. (Prov. 23: 23.)

At Rest.

Our dear sister, Edith Hawkins, departed this life about four weeks ago. She was one of the sweetest girls I ever met. She was a member of the Church of God here. Sister Edith was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a father, mother, two sisters and a host of friends to mourn her death, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Dear sister Minnie Wellborn departed this life July 12th. She was a member of the Church of God. She was a faithful member, has had the Holy Ghost about ten years.

We sure miss her. She leaves a husband and four boys to mourn her death. Their loss is heaven's gain. We expect to meet sister Wellborn again if we are faithful to the end.

Mrs. Roe Castleberry,
Rising Fawn, Ga.

The great Shepherd who cares for His own, reached down July 17th, and took from our midst the wife of Brother Charlie Luther.

She had been seeking for the Holy Ghost, but was taken away before she received the blessing. She said that she was ready to die.

We miss Aunt Bettie Luther here. But the call will come to every one to go sooner or later. How wonderful it is to be ready to meet Jesus.

Mrs. Hillery Burgett,
Oppy, Ky.

Dora, Ala.

Dear Brother in Christ:

I praise God that years ago I found Christ as my Savior. I praise Him that I belong to the dear old Church of God.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may go on and let my light shine.

Your brother in Christ.

J. A. Canterbury.

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EDITORIAL.

Reports of good meetings are coming in from many quarters.

Some of our friends are sending in nice little subscription lists, for which we feel very grateful to them.

Quite recently we received into the Church Brother Arthur W. Surface, of Neck, Mo., who is Editor and Publisher of a small Pentecostal paper. We will probably have more to say about him and his paper soon.

Have recently received a plaintive Macedonian cry from the island of Jamaica, calling for help over there. If we only had some one or two to go, it would probably be but a short time until the Church of God would be planted on that island as well as some of the smaller islands around. Another verification of prophecy. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law." (Isa. 42: 4.)

It is with no little feeling of humiliation to state that a payment of \$600.00 dollars is to be made on our printing plant at once and scarcely a dollar of it in sight. It has occurred to our mind that probably some of our friends would not mind sending us a dollar in advance on their subscription. We now have about 5000 good substantial subscribers, quite a number of whom pay twenty-five and fifty cents at a time. It seems that surely out of the 5000, there could be found 600 that would take pleasure in lending us their assistance just now by sending us one dollar each as advance payment for their paper. I cannot tell you how grateful I would feel toward you if you will give me this little lift right now. Besides this plan, if you do not feel able to send in the dollar yourself, won't you please try to get some one else to subscribe and thus secure a dollar for us at this trying time? I also ask our friends to pray that God will in His own good way enable us to meet this payment at once. My heart overflows with love for every one of the Evangel family this moment. God bless you all.

Tent Meeting

Eldorado, Ill., began July 28th, and will continue indefinitely.

D. P. Barnett, in charge.

Everybody invited to attend, John O. Yates, clerk.

Chokoloskee, Fla.

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I want to tell you that the fire is still burning on Chokoloskee Island. Glory to God!

While we have had an awful summer with the mosquitoes, sometimes having two smudge pots around the altar, but we prayed, shouted and kept the victory, thank God. We are far south but not so far that God can't bless us.

Four years ago a great pentecostal revival swept this section and about sixty-four were brought out of Egypt's bondage and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Today, we have less than half of that number that are still clinging to God and climbing higher and higher. I'm so glad that I am one of those that have held on. How I thank God for my experience.

Girls, there is no doubt that God can take the desire of worldly pleasures out of your heart completely, because I know it by experience. He has cleansed my heart from sin and put a desire there to go through. I see nothing to keep me out of heaven. Thank God, I have nothing clinging to me that would prevent me from going with Jesus if He should come today.

When this great war cloud began to settle down over our country it grieved me so much. I was so worried and faint-hearted over it. I have three brothers in the age limit and I would look at them and then worry.

For about a month after war was declared, I went through the darkest period of my life since I was saved. I could look out and see the awfulness of the war, the condition of things and what the future would bring upon the earth, until it seemed I could not stand it.

Indeed, it will be what the prophet Amos said, The day of the Lord is darkness and not light; as if a man did flee from a lion and a bear met him, or went into his house and leaned his hand upon the wall and a serpent bit him.

At last I saw that I must get my hold fixed more firmly on God, that my worry was all in vain. I began to call on God to lift me up above the shadows, and help me to be able to stand and praise God. He took all my fear of the war out of my heart and set me to praying and trusting and since then I have had a better experience than ever before. I feel like I can go through.

The prophet also said, In that day shall I raise up the tabernacle of David, that is fallen (which is a type of the Church of God) and close up the breaches thereof, and I will raise up his ruins and I will build it as in the days of old. Thank God, the church is hurrying back to apostolic times.

Isaiah said, In that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and darkness. Thank God, just a few more steps and we shall begin to see great and marvelous things.

I'm looking for wonderful things. The Holy Child, Jesus, is going to be magnified and lifted up higher than ever before. He said that if He be lifted up He would draw all men unto Him. Praise God, I intend to hold Him up. I want to do my part.

Let us not worry about the war but keep our eyes lifted up. The Germans may get some of the people but thank God, they

will not get them all because the church is going to be completed and somebody is going to be ready to go. If this was not so, Paul never would have said that Jesus was going to present the church to Himself a glorious church, without spot or wrinkle. I have shouted as much over being added to the church as being saved from sin, I believe. Praise God!

Last Sunday was a happy day here. Nearly everybody was happy and free. Pentecost is not dead here. Two were added to the church.

Brother Simmons (our pastor) and wife are surely doing a good part by us. How we love them and thank God for their service and for their many upbuilding words to the church here. They stand by us, pray with and for us, shout and dance with us, kill mosquitoes with us and help every way they can. Thank God!

Pray for me.

Yours in this narrow way,
Ida Mae Lopez.

Erastus, N. C.

My dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are still in the battle here. The dear Lord is still blessing by saving, sanctifying and filling people with the Holy Ghost. We have dancing and shouting nearly all day and all night. I preach twice a day. The power of God is so great that people fall all over the house and even hard-hearted sinners are caused to fall and lay on the floor most anywhere in the house.

They brought us a big rattle snake and a copperhead snake Sunday. After preaching, I called for them and the box was brought in. They had hardly set the box down before Brother C. T. Coggins snatched it open and brought out the rattler, then I got the copperhead. Several handled them in the name of Jesus, without hurt.

I wish you could have seen Jessie fold those snakes in her arms and pet them as if they were kittens.

Pray for us. We are expecting greater things from the Lord yet. We are to be here more than a week yet, then to Tusquite. Glory!

A servant of Jesus,

W. A. Capshaw.

Moreville, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greeting in Jesus' dear name: May God's richest blessings rest upon you and family.

Brother Tomlinson, I indorse the Church of God and wish I could be a member, but there is no one in this country who believes as I do, so you know how lonely I am. Most everything is preached here but the power of God.

I do not have the Holy Ghost, but I desire it above everything in this world.

If any of the Church of God people feel led of the Lord to come to this country you will find a welcome in my home. I would be glad some one would come and hold a meeting. I live ten miles east of Tupelo, near Mooreville.

Yours truly,

J. B. Lucas, R. 1.

Friendsville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the dear saints:

I want to ask every child of God to help me pray that my brother will not have to go to war, also a neighbor boy who asked me to pray that he would not have to go. Surely if we get a hold of God in just the

The Church of God

MRS. ELIZABETH M. SEELY

The Church of God moves Forward
She's pressing toward the goal,
She's shining in her purity and strength,
She is tested and tried as gold.
She's moulded in His likeness,
She stands the fiercest storms,
She's led by the hand of her Savior,
She knows no defeat or harm.

The Church of God has power,
She's the light of the world too,
She's the salt of the earth her Savior said,
She has a work to do.
She's shining in His likeness,
She's a royal diadem,
She's pointing souls to the Crucified One,
She's washed in the blood of the Lamb.

The Church of God is holy
She's the spotless Bride of the Lamb.
She's putting on her royal robes
She'll reign at His right hand.
She has a motto—All for Jesus,
She has a song no man can sing
She has the seal of the Holy Spirit,
She shines in the beauty of her King.

right way He will provide some way for them not to have to go to war.

I am still saved and sanctified. I would be so glad if some Spirit-filled minister could come here and hold a meeting.

Your sister in Christ,
Maggie Huffman.

Called to Rest.

Brother Lamb Lanier has gone to live with Jesus. He departed this life June 19, 1917.

He was a true member of the dear old Church of God. He received the Holy Ghost three years ago last May.

Brother Lamb leaves a father, mother, five sisters and two brothers to mourn their loss. He was twenty-five years and seven months old.

He is not to live here on this earth anymore, but he is resting with the blessed Lord in heaven.

His last words were "mama, are you both ready?" then he raised his hands to heaven, spoke in tongues and gave up his life.

May the Lord comfort the bereaved family with His Holy Spirit.

Your sister in Jesus.

Fitzgerald, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are in the greatest meeting of our lives. This city and surrounding country are astounded. At least twenty-five hundred people attended last night. At the beginning of the service the Holy Ghost fell and there was a regular stampede of the saints dancing, leaping, shouting, preaching in tongues and people falling into the altar crying for help. Twenty have received the Holy Ghost.

We are expecting Brother Lemons to come and set the church in order this week. We are asking the Lord to bless this place. We are looking for greater things ahead.

We call for prayers of the Evangel family.

S. B. Mitchell.

Camp Meeting

At Mt. Sinai, four miles west of Morgantown, Miss., will commence Aug. 18, and continue ten days or longer.

Everybody welcome,
W. E. Evans

Report.

Brothers Evans, Price and myself, have just closed a nine days meeting at Morgantown, Miss. Much good was done. The Lord sure did bless. Five were baptized with the Holy Ghost and of course spoke in tongues as they did on the day of Pentecost. (Acts. 2:4.) Praise our God for them. One or more sanctified and some saved.

Leon Thornhill.

Notice.

We want a Church of God preacher to come to Bradford, Ala., and conduct a meeting in this month.

We want a man who can deliver the Word and not scold the people.

We would like to have J. B. Ellis. Will pay five dollars or more on fare to Bradford.

G. W. Reece and Wife.

DONT'S FOR MEMBERS

Love Pass.

Don't be a critic.
Don't forget the way up is down.

Don't make any remarks about the pastor.

Don't depend on the pastor to do all the praying.

Don't neglect the pastor's needs.

Don't stand in the way of sinners.

Don't forget the mid-week prayer meeting.

Don't believe everything you hear about a member.

Don't back-bite.

Don't forget that prayer is the key that unlocks heaven's doors.

Don't forget to give God the glory for every victory won.

Don't forget the world is watching us.

Don't testify everybody to sleep.

Don't forget we all have a work to do.

Don't be a coward and run when the battle gets hot.

Don't forget that wolves often dress in sheep's clothing.

Don't forget that our Sunday School is just what we make it.

Don't forget that the Bible is a good mirror to dress by.

GIVING NO OFFENCE

SAM C. PERRY

"Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Rom. 14:13.

"Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God." 1 Cor. 10, 32.

"Giving no offence in anything that the ministry be not blamed." 2 Cor. 6, 3.

It is our first duty to please God. Our spiritual life and happiness on earth and in Heaven depend on His pleasure. We should seek above all things to obtain this. It's no easy task from a human's standpoint, and still with plenty of grace and perseverance in christian service it may be obtained and kept until the end of life.

But there are many difficulties along the way. Some get entangled with one thing and some another and fail to live always in the good favor of God.

Some covet their neighbor's real estate, and some are attracted with the pleasures of the world, others get their eyes on some other man's wife or daughter, and fall out with their own, and others are ensnared by various things that bring the displeasure of God.

Among other things, some among the preachers and others, get a way of offending people. This must be very displeasing to God as His Word is so pronounced against it. Great harm is done by it too.

Of course, we know that there are many who do not like the teachings and claims of Jesus Christ, and are offended whenever they hear them mentioned, but none of us can help that, and we are not to stop testifying or lifting up the truth because of this, but on all occasions let our light shine and when we have the opportunity of speaking a word for God that will reach a soul we should speak. But never in an offensive way.

A testimony should never be given in a way to throw off on another and offend him. If you have the blessing good and plenty, praise God for it, and do not throw sarcasm or anything offensive at others. That is not pleasing to God, nor for the edification of the Church, or salvation of the unsaved. Everything should be done unto edifying, and if some people are practicing things that are not right, you don't have to entangle yourself with their sins. Lift up Jesus, keep clear of other people's sins, and mistakes too, so far as possible.

We do not believe that God is pleased with the Spirit of minimizing others and referring to them or throwing things at them that would hurt. It is right to give our testimony simply, and state the truth plainly in love, and leave the results with God. But there should be no irritating grinding way to it.

The Word should be given in a way to win, as much as possible, and not offend and drive, there is a certain amount of attraction and drawing power with the correct preaching of the gospel.

We should seek to keep clear of giving offence to the world in general, public officials, business men, etc., the rich or educated. Still we must not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. But if we are preaching Jesus Christ, why look upon people as

high or low? Preach His truth, lift up His standard, do not pick out this or that class, but give it to all, it is for all, and when presented aright will reach some in all walks of life.

And while we are conscientiously opposed to war, and do not believe that the teachings of Jesus and His apostles favored it, we should honestly and earnestly advocate the teachings and Spirit of our religion without any criticism of our government in the present or any other war. Jesus said there would be wars and rumors of war, and these are the signs of the last days, and we can't stop them any more than we can stop the rising of the sun, and there is no use for us to take up our time parleying about such things, but we should go ahead, preach the gospel and work as hard as we can for there are thousands all around us who need salvation to be ready to meet that awful day, and we should not waste our time, and do that which will help no one, but stir confusion and may be bring on an offence that would cause a lot of unnecessary trouble. Let us be true to God, and be a help to as many as possible and giving offence to as few as possible.

Oliver Springs, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for such a wonderful salvation that is free for every one who will accept.

Last April Brother S. F. Beard and wife came here and held a meeting. I was only thirteen years old, but conviction seized on my heart and God so tenderly dealt with me that I just gave up all and I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, according to Acts 2:4.

I thank God for such a highway of holiness that leads from earth to glory. I am glad I am in the narrow way.

Your sister in Christ,
Gertrude McDaniel.

Foxworth, Miss.

To the Evangel Family—Greeting in Jesus' Blessed Name:

I am glad to say that I am able again to get out and give out the blessed gospel truths.

Just closed a meeting at Morgantown, Miss. Five received the Holy Ghost and one sanctified.

I still have victory in my soul. I am praising God for His wonderful healing power. I feel that I am several rounds higher than I was.

Pray for me and the people here in the South.

Your brother in Jesus,
W. E. Evans.

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

I have been reading "The Church of God Evangel" and find it very helpful to me. I enjoy the testimonies of the saints very much.

I am a member of the great Church of God in Louisville, Ky. I love to serve Jesus in this highway of holiness. I was saved at the age of seventeen in a little pentecostal meeting after fighting the way for about two months, and laughing at divine healing. Praise God, now, I know that this is the only way to serve the Master. My people

all fight this way but I'm holding to God's unchanging hand, and bless His name, He has kept me nearly two years.

I praise the Lord for sending the Church of God to Louisville because I was almost discouraged with the pentecostal meetings here. There were so many delusions and evil spirits in them that my spirit was grieved.

I praise God because He showed me the light on the Church of God as the Bible gives it. The first I ever heard of the government of the Church of God I thought it was an awful thing for pentecostal people to be taking up, but the first time I was ever in the dear old Church of God I decided it was the true church, without spot or wrinkle. I had been trying to find an assembly where the saints loved one another and where there was no strife which seemed to prevail in the place where I had been worshipping. O bless His dear name, He was trying all the time to lead me into the Church of God.

Pray for me that God's will may be done in my life. Jesus is my healer. Bless His name how I love Him, but I feel that I come so far short of what Jesus expects of me; so far from being perfected in love but I am praying for more love.

If it is the will of my Father in heaven I want to attend the Assembly in November. I feel it would do me good.

Your sister in His love,
Sadie Ham.

Morristown, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints: Greeting in Jesus' precious name:

I want to sound a note of praise to our God for His goodness, mercy and love. I am still filled with the Holy Ghost and have a determination to go through with Jesus.

The little church here at Morristown is still moving on. It seems that Satan is trying his best to tear it up, but thank God, we have some "pure gold" here that intends to stand for the Church of God and her teachings.

We had the Lord's supper and feet washing Sunday night and the Lord sure did bless. Saturday night the altar was full of seekers.

The membership here is small and most of them are young folks but they love one another and they sure do seem to love and appreciate their pastor.

Be sure to pray for us.
Your brother in the Master's service,
Herschel N. Scoggins, pastor.

Cheraw, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints:

My Savior is so good to me. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I have joy in my soul. This is such a wonderful salvation. I know that Jesus is coming soon to catch away His people for we see the signs every day. I want to work for the Lord to try to get others ready for His coming. I want to ever do the will of my Father. Glory to our God!

I am so glad because the Lord gives us such wonderful messages through His servants. Not long ago a message was given us by brother Marshall Dunaway of Morgantown, Miss., concerning the seven utterances on the cross and it was wonderful.

Pray for me that I may be faithful till Jesus comes.
Your brother under the blood of Jesus,
Walter McNabb.

Rockwood, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greeting in Jesus' name:

I am praising God for what He has done for me. I am saved and sanctified and seeking the Holy Ghost.

I praise God for sending the light to this place. Brother J. B. Cagle came to Hopewell last October and preached the gospel and since that time some of the people have been hungry for more of the truth. Brother Cagle has held two revivals here since that time and has had great success, some have been saved, some sanctified and some baptized with the Holy Ghost. Husband was saved in one of these meetings and he has started to be a soldier for Jesus.

Brother Cagle organized a Sunday School here, July 8th, with fifty in attendance and has been increasing ever since. The interest is good and we have fine prospects for a Sunday School.

The Church was set in order with eighteen members. Eleven were baptized with water.

We are now working to get us a house built before winter, as we have been having Sunday School and meeting in a brush arbor.

Pray that we may stand true and let our light shine that others may come into the fold.

Bessie Long.

Rock Run, Ala.

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I am praising God for a full and free salvation. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord gave me the blessing on New Year's night 1916 and I have been shouting the victory ever since.

We are having prayer meeting on Tuesday and Friday nights and the Lord blesses us. Last Friday night we had a grand meeting. One received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 and another was sanctified.

I am one of the number that had to register but I am trusting God to keep me.

Your brother in Christ,
L. B. Hall.

Ravenscroft, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints:

I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost, glory to God!

I was once pardoned of my sins and was a member of the Baptist Church, but I backslid.

Why did I go back in sin? Because my house was not swept and cleaned up—I was not sanctified, nor had the Holy Ghost, which keeps us in the right way.

The light dawned upon me through the preaching of Sister Mary Troglen and Brother Haston and wife, who recently held a meeting here.

When the holiness people first came to this town I was in a lost condition and I persecuted them. I said I would not let a holiness preacher come into my house. But don't you know the first night I went to meeting I was convicted and I just gave up and turned everything over to the Lord. After I was saved and blessed so wonderfully I could not do enough for the brothers and sisters.

I thank God for ever sending them here to teach us His Word, and bring us from darkness into light. Glory to God!

Beloved Saints, pray for the little band here, that we may grow stronger and be great workers for God.

Pendleton Nichols.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Evangel Readers:

We wish to send up a note of praise to God for the way He is convicting the people almost everywhere. It seems almost a world-wide conviction is striking the land. The missionary call is coming as never before. Come and help us. Awake, awake, all that sleepeth, and especially those God has called to the ministry. Do not be afraid of not getting a living, you will just live till you die anyway.

I was in a little Sunday School in the mountains of Tenn. where there were about seventy five or eighty in attendance. They only had a few Bibles in the school. It sure touched my heart when I saw the large attendance and such few Bibles.

I have a picture of the little log cabin and the school. I promised to help get them some Bibles free.

If any one wants one of the pictures, I will send it free if you will send me your name and address. But we will expect you to help get some Bibles or Testaments for that Sunday School. We want the authorized version.

Pray for the little school that God will supply them with the Scriptures.

Your brother under the blood,
W. F. Bryant.

Dunn, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I can report a wonderful meeting here in North Carolina near Duke. Souls were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I am glad that God sent Brother G. T. Stargel and the two Evans boys to this place. May God bless them and use them in getting souls to Christ.

This is the first time we have ever had the opportunity of hearing the Church of God people preach in this part of the country.

The blessed Lord healed one woman of a tumor. The doctors told her she would have to have an operation, but now she says she is willing for any doctor to examine her and see if they can discover anything like a tumor. Praise God, He can heal our bodies as well as save our souls.

The Church was set in order with thirty-eight members. Thirteen followed the Lord in water baptism.

Please pray much for us here for this highway of holiness is hated more than anything else by some people.

We are praying that the Lord may open the way for us to get a place to build a church house. Nobody wants to let us have a place because they hate holiness so much.

Yours for Jesus,
H. E. Easom.

Another one Gone Home.

The dear Lord has taken to Himself our dear brother William Russell.

He was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and was a faithful member of the Church of God. He lived a good life and was faithful until death. He stood for divine healing and died trusting in the Lord.

Oh, how determined we are to go on since the Lord has taken these from us. We know that our loss is heaven's gain.

May God bless all the dear ones.

Your brother in Christ,
William R. Franks,
Bahamas.

WHAT IS SIN?

E. L. Moore.

Sin is transgression of the law. There is nothing more costly than sin. It causes all the trouble, heartaches, pain, woe, misery besides it destroys our spiritual life and sinks our soul into everlasting misery. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The wages of sin is death.

There is no sin that I can do but what I must give account for before God. Sin causes shame. There is no honorable sin. All sinners go to judgment together. So play dead on sin now.

You cannot sin and keep your fellowship with God. Sin is of the devil and whosoever sins will God blot out his name. (Ex. 32:33.) He that covereth his sins shall not prosper but he that confesseth and forsake sin shall have mercy. There is salvation from sin in God through Jesus Christ, and no other way. It is sin not to obey the gospel of God. (Rom. 6:16.) I will sift the house of Israel; all the sinners of my people shall die. (Amos 9:9.)

That joy and happiness may enter the soul we must first sweep it clean of evil and sin. Let our hearts be washed whiter than snow in the blood of the Lamb and make a real Christian out of us, not a professor but a possessor for we will either be a Christian or a sinner.

One sin unrepented of or unforgiven will destroy your usefulness for God. It will kill you spiritually. It will stop God's ear against you. So do not sin, but keep the line clear of obstacles, limbs, trees and cross wires and we can talk to God as over a telephone.

For there is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. Freed from sin. Sin brings condemnation to our hearts. If our hearts condemn us not, then we have confidence in God that we may ask what we will for the glory of God and receive. Great blessings await us in this divine life and it brings blessings through us to others.

The ring in gold and silver is removed by coming in contact with quick silver, so also our spiritual experience can be destroyed by coming in contact with evil, or taking in with sin. Sin stops the flow of spiritual blessings in your soul. It corrupts the heart, debases the body.

The effects of sin upon man are alarming and far reaching. It effects his entire being, spirit, soul and body. It poisons his inner and destroys his outward life. It begins in the heart. It has brought shame, disease and suffering upon our bodies and we must let Jesus wash them away with His blood and make us new creatures. God has taught us of sin's terrible destructiveness and of its damnable influence.

Sin is costly. Half the people live on the mistakes and sins of the other half. The judges, lawyers, sheriffs and other officers of the law live off the sins of the people at large. For the cause of sin we have to spend millions of dollars in the building of court houses, jails, saloons, etc. Ministers, bishops and priests live on mistakes and sins of the world and backsliders.

Don't continue in sin. It will damn you. Sin destroys the soul. If you continue in sin you will be lost. There is a way out. Let the blood wash even the stain of sin away. The wicked must forsake his way. If we confess our sins He is faithful

and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

"Blessed is he... whose sin is covered." (Psalm 32:1.)

Ravenscroft, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

Greeting in the name of our coming King. I'm praising God because I am one of His little children. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and speak in other tongues and belong to the dear old Church of God. Papa, mama and I are the only ones at this place that belong to the Church of God.

On the 20th of June, sister Froglen, brother G. C. Haston and wife came here to hold a meeting. It went on two weeks and quite a number were saved and sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost. Most of these had once been saved but had backslidden.

We have prayer meeting almost every night. Well, glory to God! it is wonderful what the Lord can do for us. How I do love to serve God. We have many persecutions to bear but "nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Tim. 1:12.)

I believe Jesus is coming soon and oh, won't it be sweet when the power of God that quickens our bodies here shall take us up to meet Him in the air! It makes me weep when I think of the loved ones that are not ready to meet Him.

Please pray for this little band of workers here. We realize we are small in number but we want to keep humble at the feet of Jesus and do the will of the Father that we may win other souls to Him.

Your sister under the blood,
Ova Kidwell.

Raiford, Fla.

Dear Evangel Family---Greeting in Jesus' Name:

After leaving the camp meeting at Wimauma we went to Spring Lake, Fla. where we joined Brother and Sister Aylor in a two weeks meeting. While we were there five received the Holy Ghost and four were sanctified. The power fell and we enjoyed an extra spread. We left them still in the battle.

We then went to Alachua and engaged in a battle against sin and Satan. Eight received the Holy Ghost for we heard them talk in tongues.

We are now in the battle at Raiford, Fla. We sure need your prayers for this place.

We expect to go from here to the Branford camp meeting D.V. Yours in the battle for lost souls,

Bertha Smith.
W. E. Jones.
Lula L. Jones.

Carmi, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We, the members of the Church of God, met last Wednesday night at Sister Hazel Crawford's home to have prayer meeting, and the power of the Lord was manifested in a wonderful way.

The power came on sister Ida Evans and she knocked a lamp chimney off and then put her hand in the blaze three times and held it there about two minutes each time. She had her handkerchief in her hand and neither her hand nor handkerchief was burnt.

One that was present.

Gone Home.

The dear Lord has been pleased to take home to Himself our dear sister Alice Lomé. She has been a member of the Church of God for about three years. She has been a regular attendant to the services and has lived a good life.

It was delightful to be at her bed-side a few hours before she died. She praised God and shouted, and the power fell on all the saints that were there. She sang and talked in tongues and several times she remarked that she felt the heavenly breezes. It was grand, praise the Lord.

She is the one that the Lord took from us and her death gives us all a new encouragement to go all the way with Jesus. Praise His sweet name.

Just a few minutes before she died she sent for me, and when I arrived, I saw that she was about to leave us, so I asked her if she was going to leave us and she said "yes." I began talking to her and telling her how the dear Lord taketh His own, and after a while I began to sing, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine." I noticed she was making her last gasps for breath, and while she was going through the "gates of death," we sang "There's a light in the valley for me," then she was gone.

We all want to be faithful that we may meet her again.

Her Pastor,
Cooper's Town,
Abaco Bahamas.

Carrier Mill, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Savior because He has done so much for me. I feel that I owe my life to Him. Three years ago this month He filled me with the precious Holy Ghost, and one year from then the Lord called my husband and myself out to work for Him.

When we received this blessing we told Jesus we would do anything for Him, so He sent us out on the battlefield to tell lost souls of His precious love for them.

Dear friends we gave up home, friends and everything and started on the field two years ago. We have seen many lost souls saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I have never regretted giving up everything for Jesus. All I want now is more of Jesus, and the Word tells us that those who are hungry and thirst after righteousness shall be filled, so I'm standing on His promises.

We are now in a revival at this place. Please pray that God may give us the victory.

Your sister, standing on the Rock,

Nannie E. Fielders.

Alabama City, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Brother T. S. Payne closed our meeting Sunday night. He certainly gave out the Word. There were about two thousand people at the closing service. The best people of the city came out to hear the gospel. The standard of holiness has been raised.

The officers gave the very best protection. Not a tent rope was cut. Most every one seemed to enjoy the services.

Many have their eyes opened to the fact that we are a different class from the adulterers, to bacco users and others who try to identify themselves with the Church of God. Our meeting has been altogether a success.

Others who can raise the stand-

ard are welcome any time you care to come to our city, but if you cannot, you may pass us by. We already have all the garbage cans we need.

The saints are sorry the meeting closed so soon, but others must have a chance to hear the gospel too.

We all love Brother Payne. His next meeting will be at Buhl, Ala.

Your brother,
Alonso Gann.

Milport, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for His great power. I feel that Kentucky is coming to the front.

Brother Ford and I went down to the Knob and had meeting two nights. A chance was given for the saints to come into the Church of God and eight came in while Brother Ford sang, "I'm going to walk in the light." The Lord certainly did manifest His power. The Holy Ghost had His way. The saints danced, talked in tongues and shouted.

The next night eleven more came into the church.

J. A. Rich, pastor.

Summerville, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I want each one of you to pray for me that I may be healed and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I have a brother who is sanctified and seeking the Holy Ghost. Please help me pray that he won't have to go to war.

I sure enjoy reading the Evangel.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Victoria Nelson.

Milport, Ky.

The Church of God at Milport, Ky., will have an all day meeting the 4th Sunday in August. All churches are invited. We are expecting a great time with the Lord.

Everybody come praying.
S. P. Ford.

Rock Run, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him because He heals our bodies when we get sick. He can satisfy when everything else fails.

Pray for me that I may ever stand true.

Your sister in Christ,
Ellen Hall.

Cheraw, Miss.

I am praising the Lord for victory through the blood of Jesus. God has wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I have been having chills and fever for several days, but God has wonderfully healed me and now the chills and fever are all gone and I am shouting the victory, praise God. He will hear our prayers when we meet the conditions. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus and I want grace to trust Him more.

Your unworthy sister,
Nancy Breeland.

Hardy, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad I can report victory in Mississippi. God is working in this part of the field in a wonderful way. We have set seven churches in order up till this time and there are some more in sight. Thank God, for His great power that is being mani-

festing in our midst!

Have just closed a meeting near Hardy, Miss., at Tilghman's Chapel. Six received the Holy Ghost and several others were saved and sanctified. The church was set in order with twenty members and eight followed the Lord in water baptism. The meeting closed with great interest.

Sister Adams and children made music for us with their band and it was enjoyed very much by all.

Pray for me that God may use me to His glory.

J. A. Davis.

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